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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROL LICENSE FOR CONTROL DATA
CORPORATION

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1. REGARDING CONTROL DATA CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR
CLEARANCE TO EXPORT A CYBER 172 COMPUT COMPUTER
SYSTEM WITH PERIPHERALS AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT FOR PRE
AND POST PROCESSING (FOR THE PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT, BTR
CASE NO. 269L27, REPAIR) CDC VIENNA MANAGING DIRECTOR
MCELROY TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER FEBRUARY 27 THAT CDC
PLANS TO SHIP THE EQUIPMENT TO YUZHNO SAKHALINSK, USSR, ON
THREE FLIGHTS STARTING APRIL 10. MCELROY STATED, HOWEVER,
THAT USDOC/OEA HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON THE TERMS
OF INSPECTION FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND THAT CONTROL DATA
CORPORATION WILL NOT FINALIZE SHIPMENT PLANS UNTIL THE
DECISION IS REACHED. HE FORESEES NO PROBLEM WITH SOVIET
ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS OF INSPECTION, SINCE - ACCORDING
TO HIM - THE MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY, THE END-USER, HAS
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AGREED TO ACCEPT WHATEVER TERMS THE USG IMPOSES.

2. APPARENTLY DUE TO SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS ON SAKHALIN,
THE SOVIETS ARE RESISTING CDC PLANS TO SHIP THE EQUIPMENT
TO SAKHALIN VIA ALASKAN AIR. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AEROFLOT
OFFERED TO CARRY THE EQUIPMENT BUT AT DOUBLE THE RATE
ALASKAN AIR IS READY TO ACCEPT. ON MARCH 1, CDC WAS

INFORMED THAT AEROFLOT WOULD "INSIST" ON CARRYING THE EQUIPMENT (ALTHOUGH CDC WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER AEROFLOT MEANT ALL OR PART OF THE EQUIPMENT). CDC, HOWEVER, WOULD PREFER THAT ALASKAN AIR CARRY THE EQUIPMENT, SINCE CDC TECHNICIANS DOUBT THAT THE SOVIET FREIGHT PLANE (APPARENTLY A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE NEW IL-76) HAS THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS TO TRANSPORT SENSITIVE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT UNDAMAGED.

3. CDC HAS ASKED THAT THE SOVIET ESCORT CREW ENPLANE AND DEPLANE IN KUSHIRO, JAPAN. MCELROY SAID THAT CDC REPRESENTATIVE IN JAPAN ANTICIPATES NO PROBLEM ABOUT THIS ASPECT WITH JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

4. CAN DEPARTMENT SHED LIGHT ON INSPECTION TERMS ON THIS COMPUTER?

5. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AMEMBASSY TOKYO'S ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MIGHT OBJECT TO CDC PLANS TO ENPLANE AND DEPLANE THE SOVIET ESCORT CREW IN JAPAN. MATLOCK

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